

The Village of Stronghurst Board met for a scheduled meeting on **May 1, 2023**. Present at roll call were Trustees Mike Bohnenkamp, Janice Smith, Paige Torrance, Mike Swisher, and Amanda VanArsdale. Mayor Brendan Schaley was present. Employees present were Ronnie Gittings, Arbry Vancil, and Brittany Smith. Village Attorney Mariah Wallace was present. Guest present were Shirley Linder, Virginia Ross, Doug Erickson, Allison Harden Nathan Harden, and David Knutstrom.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Janice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the April Board Meeting. The motion was 2nd by Paige. It passed unanimously. Mike B. made a motion to approve payment of the bills, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously. Financial statements were presented for April. Janice made a motion to approve the financials. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to adjourn the first part of the meeting. Amanda made a motion to adjourn, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Schaley Sworn in New Trustees, Nathan Harden, Mike Swisher, and Paige Torrance.

Mayor Schaley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Guests:** Dave Knutstrom presented his update on the park pickle ball courts and stated they are coming along well.

**Water Superintendent Report:** Ronnie had an estimate from Corrpro for maintenance on the water tower, the board advised him to check the remaining warranty and go from there. Ronnie also presented and estimate from Brotcke Well & Pump to install new pipes and pump on well #1 located in the firehouse. The estimate was for \$17,794, mayor schaley asked for a motion to approve the purchasing of these. Mike B. made a motion to approve the purchase of the pump, pipes, and labor. Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed unanimously. Ronnie also asked for approval to purchase new testing instruments for the sewer and water plant. Janice made a motion to approve purchasing

two new instruments, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, it passed unanimously. Ronnie stated that the deep well usage is fine and not having any trouble for now. Water levels may have trouble when the weather is nicer, and more people are using it.

**Police Report:** Arb read report.

**Zoning Report:** Village lawyer Mariah Wallace read changes on the new fence ordinance. Mayor Schaley asked for a motion to adopt the new ordinance. Mike B. made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup>; it passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** Iseler Demolition submitted a bid of \$56,300 for demolition of the old water tower. Mike S. made a motion to accept the bid, Janice 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously. The village board approved hiring Kaleb Thompson and Peyton Woodbury for part time summer help. Janice made a motion to hire both individuals at minimum wage, Paige 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voting was as follows; Nathan; yes, Mike S.; yes, Amanda; abstained, Paige; yes, Janice; yes, Mike B.; yes. Motion carried; they will begin on June 1, 2023. For the oil and chip update everything has been submitted to the county and IDOT and they are ready to go when that time comes. They will be completing two miles of roads in the village, and they are as follows: North & South Elizabeth, Morris St., N. Morris St., west end of Maple St., N. Division St., North & South Commercial St., Oakwood Dr., Surrey Lane, Harmony, S. Logan, South St, and Porter St. Janice presented the park electrical work update that the village is splitting with the Booster Club, she said Bigger Electric has not submitted their bid yet but that they are working on locating different things and seeing what needs to be done.

**New Business:** The village decided hours for the spray park this year, the spray park will be on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting May 27th, as long as our water levels maintain a steady level, we will be able to keep it this way all season, if we happen to run low we will have to back the days down. Mayor Schaley asked the board for approval of fixing the villages zero turn mower for this mowing season, parts may be up to \$1600.00 to fix. Mike B. made a motion to approve fixing the mower, Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup>, it passed unanimously. The discussion of sidewalk repairs was tabled until next month.

**Trustees Report:** Nothing to report.

**Mayor/Clerk/Lawyer Report:**

**Executive Session:** No executive session

Mike B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Smith – Village  
Clerk/Treas.